

## FOREIGN MEDICAL PROGRAM POLICY MANUAL

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### I. DEFINITIONS

A service-connected condition means that the VA Regional Office has rated the disability as being incurred or aggravated in the line of duty in active military, naval or air service.

### II. POLICY

Hospital care and medical services to any veteran traveling or residing outside the United States without regard to the veteran's citizenship may be provided when:

1. necessary for treatment of a service-connected disability or any disability associated with and held to be aggravating a service-connected disability, or
2. the care is furnished to a veteran participating in a rehabilitation program under 38 USC Chapter 31.

### III. POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

A. Eligible veterans will receive an FMP authorization letter, which identifies the VA-adjudicated service-connected condition(s) or rehabilitation status for which the treatment is authorized.

B. Care provided in Micronesia, Palau, and the Marshall Islands is covered.  
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C. Veterans residing in the following countries may receive services within that country by contacting the office indicated below.

1. Canada. Expenses for care or services rendered in Canada should be filed with the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, White River Junction, VT 05009-001, USA.

2. Philippines. Services are authorized by VA Outpatient Clinic (358/00), 2201 Roxas Blvd, Pasay City 1300, Republic of the Philippines.

## **V. EXCLUSIONS**

A. Care/treatment provided in the fifty United States, District of Columbia, US Territories, Canada, and the Philippines.

B. Allied veterans are eligible for hospital and medical care only in VA facilities within the United States.

C. Veterans residing in countries barred from business or travel for US citizens:

1. Democratic Kampuchea (formerly Cambodia or Khmer Republic),
2. Democratic People's Republic of Korea (North Korea),
3. Iraq, and
4. Republic of Cuba.

**\* END OF POLICY \***